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Executive Registry

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13 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. William E. Colby  
Executive Secretary  
CIA Management Committee

SUBJECT : Review of Classification Authority  
Delegations

1. As you requested in your memorandum of 21 February, we have taken a close look at our list of positions with security classification authority. At the present time, there are some 285 such positions in the Directorate, of which 41 have TOP SECRET authority.

2. Taking into account the real need of the individual to possess a classification authority under the terms of the Executive Order 11652, we find that we could pare our list of positions by some 27 percent if necessary. Specifically, we could remove 77 classification authorities for SECRET and below categories, and four for TOP SECRET.

3. Positions with security classification authority as of 31 December 1972 that we could delete (by office), if directed, are listed in the attachment.

[Redacted Signature]

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for Intelligence

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(unless impossible, insert date of event)